

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend Claim 1 as follows. Claims 2-12 are reiterated below without amendment.

Please add new Claim 13.

1. (Currently Amended) A cup comprising a sealingly engageable lid having a drinking spout located thereon, a tubular passage having a first end and a second end, said passage formed between an inner surface of the lid and/or an inside of said spout, and a detachable member located on the lid, said first end of said passage being in communication with an inside of the cup and said
5 second end being in communication with an outside of the spout, said second end forming a single bore, and said passage being of such a diameter that air cannot readily bubble past liquid inside said passage.

BY 2. (Previously Amended) A cup as claimed in claim 1 wherein the passage has a capacity great enough to contain liquid without any of said liquid reaching an exit of said cup and therefore spilling.

3. (Previously Amended) A cup as claimed in claim 1, wherein the passage has a volume that is greater than the maximum value of $H \times V$.

4. (Previously Amended) A cup as claimed in claim 1, wherein the detachable member is in the form of a plug which fits into the inside of the spout and is sealingly engaged thereto.

5. (Previously Amended) A cup as claimed in claim 4, wherein the plug has an elongate channel on its surface which, in cooperation with the inside of the spout, forms the passage.

6. (Previously Amended) A cup as claimed in claim 5, wherein the channel is formed on the inside of the spout or on both the spout and the plug.

7. (Previously Amended) A cup as claimed in claim 4, wherein the plug is easily removable and replaceable by a user to enable the passage to be exposed for mechanical cleaning.

34 8. (Previously Amended) A cup as claimed in claim 4, wherein the plug is made from a resiliently compressible material, such as an elastomer.

9. (Previously Amended) A cup as claimed in claim 1, wherein the lid has a spout located eccentrically so as to be convenient for drinking from.

10. (Previously Amended) A cup as claimed in claim 9 wherein the spout is in the shape of a truncated cone, with a small bore at the top, and a detachable member, in the form of a plug, that has a helical channel around its exterior surface and has an outline matching an inside of a cavity of the spout.

11. (Previously Amended) A cup as claimed in claim 1, wherein the diameter of the passage is such that air is prevented from entering past the liquid and wherein said diameter has a maximum diameter of approximately 3mm.

12. (Previously Amended) A cup as claimed in claim 1, having a capacity of 200cc and wherein the capacity of the passage is about 1.2 cc.

13. (New) A cup comprising a sealingly engagable lid having a drinking spout located thereon, a detachable member insertable in said spout, said detachable member having the shape of a truncated cone, and a cylindrical portion attached thereto, said detachable member having a channel formed on an exterior surface thereof, said channel having a first end communicating with an interior of the cup, and a second end communicating with an outside of said spout.